

& everything's screaming,  
I could just die.  
My heart pumps like crazy.  
Doubly so if I'm with  
a guy who's anywhere cute  
& knows what he's doing.

#### CANVASSING

-- after Bhatta Sivasvāmin

I'm sorry sir, my husband isn't home.  
His mother suffered one of her attacks  
& telephoned us in the middle of the night  
& whined on for an hour till he promised  
that he'd catch the first flight out this morning.  
& so off he went.  
& I suppose he won't be back till late tomorrow night.  
That old fraud!  
She can get him to do anything.  
Whereas he doesn't give a damn how lonesome I get  
sleeping in this big house all alone.  
But look -- why don't you come on in  
& show me what it is you're selling?  
I mean, who knows, I might be interested!

#### SATORI

-- after Srngaratilaka

God knows  
I've chanted  
& worshipped  
& fasted  
& meditated  
& prayed  
my whole life.  
Still,  
the sight  
of her youthful  
body  
the moment  
my fingers  
undid  
the knot  
of her dress  
was as close  
as I think  
I will ever  
come to satori.